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TO : Coordinator
for Cooperative Programs

SUBJECT: Critique of Summer Intern Program

1. The following critique seems close to ludicrous in light of the benefits this program has offered this intern.

2. Processing. The processing system was understandably tedious. However, the applicant was left unaware of his disposition for as long as six weeks at a time; some communication in re the status of processing would be most helpful, especially toward the end of the school year and the ensuing weeks when alternative prospects begin requesting your own disposition.

As regards administrative processing, this intern was left in a vacuum as far as pay, leave, prior federal service, etc. were concerned. It was not until the intern briefs regarding this subject that these were presented wholly and clearly. A thorough administrative brief, or a Cooperative Programs-sponsored guideline along these lines would have been most welcome.

I understand the red tape involved in pay procedures, but urge some solution to the long wait experienced until that first pay check. Most

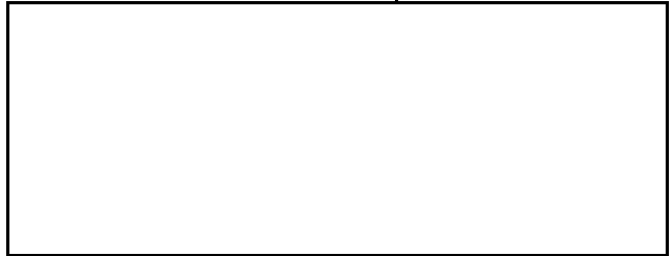
summer interns have now gone two months since their last source of revenue -- the month of May when school closes until the end of June when the checks first arrived. For interns coming from out of town this presents even greater hardship. I suggest a pool, perhaps of a weeks wages/employee, to be established as an "emergency" paycheck after the first week of work. This would certainly alleviate some of the shortages experienced.

3. Experiences. The DDI/SRS personnel made this intern feel right at home and never failed to respond to my elementary questions or to offer guidance on other issues and problems I ran up against. In the course of my employ, I have had the opportunity to work with and thereby learn the machinations and role of other offices (i.e., OCI, CRS, OSR) in light of the total picture. In addition to collaborating, in a research capacity on a few projects, I have also had the opportunity to investigate some areas on my own and to formulate my own assertions based on that investigation. In regard experience, my only regret is that my contributions to this office have in no way balanced the experience and insights offered to myself.

4. Intern Briefings. Many of the briefings were certainly informative and applicable to the intern's work. However, on the whole, their presentation was lackluster and this in itself dulled their importance and left one wondering whether the time spent at the briefs was worth the time spent away from more productive work. The solution would be to get much more enthusiastic and energetic employees, with the help of lecture aids, etc., to spruce up these presentations to make them more interesting, and hence more informative and utile.

5. Future Plans. At present my future plans are tenuous, but upon terminating my education in the fall of 1974, I would definitely wish to be considered for employment with CIA in some capacity.

6. I wish to thank all persons concerned for affording me the opportunity to partake in the Summer Intern Program. I have been extremely impressed with the efficiency and cordial atmosphere of CIA. I go away a better student and a better person for my brief stint here, and with a reassurance that CIA is not the picture that is so often painted of it.



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